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PRESS RELEASE

Local Physician Wins National Award

Gabriel Koz, M.D., Hospital Medical Director, Eastern State Hospital, Williamsburg, Virginia has been selected the 2005 American Psychiatric Association/American Association of Psychiatric Administrators Psychiatric Administration and Management Award recipient.

According to program guidelines, the prestigious Psychiatric Administration and Management Award is given to a psychiatrist who has demonstrated extraordinary competence in psychiatric administration over a substantial period and has achieved a national reputation in that area. In addition, he or she must have directed a comprehensive program for the care of patients with mental illness and have contributed significantly to the field of psychiatric administration through activities such as teaching and research. Award nominees must also be APA members and be board certified. All nominees are outstanding leaders in the field of psychiatry and competition is high.

Stuart B. Silver, M.D., Chairman, Committee on Psychiatric Administration and Management, in his selection letter to Dr. Koz stated: "...your distinguished accomplishments and creative leadership throughout your career most clearly were consistent with the nature and purpose of the award."

Dr. Koz's career in psychiatry spans over 40 years. He began practicing in his native South Africa then moved to the United States where the majority of his work was in private and public mental health facilities in New York City.

In addition to his excellent work at Eastern State Hospital, Dr. Koz served at Gracie Square Hospital, New York; was founding Chairman, Department of Psychiatry, Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center, New York; and President of the Medical Board, Lincoln Hospital, New York.

Dr. Koz is a Fulbright Scholar, Harvard University; a Diplomat in Psychological Medicine of the Royal College of Physician of London and Royal of Surgeons of England; and he is certified by the American Board of Forensic Psychiatry. Dr. Koz is a Life Member of the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. Koz will receive the award on May 23rd at the 2005 APA Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.